

## Kukavica Anel

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**From:** Roye Chanel on behalf of Licensing  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 April 2021 18:43  
**To:** Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Pub/alcohol in Finsbury Park

Hello,

I would like to register my worries about a 200 person pub opening in the centre of Finsbury Park. There is currently a lot of lone drinkers in the park that hassle women and families using the park to play etc. I am a local resident, born in the area and I use the park daily.

I appreciate the council need to earn money esp after lock down. But the park is supposed to be a sanctuary for all. I fear allowing a huge group of drinkers in to the park will make life trickier and encourage antisocial behaviour.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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Haringey Council  
Licensing Team



7 April 2021

Sent by e.mail

The Open Arms – Finsbury Park – 17 May to 17 September 2021  
Application Number – not known  
Name of Licensee – not known  
Name of Premises (if applicable).....The Open Arms.....  
Premises Address (where the Licence will take effect).....Finsbury Park,  
London.....  
Postcode.....N4 2NQ....

I am opposing the above application on the following grounds:

<i>Fill in reason/s for your representation in the space provided under each Licensing Objective it relates to.</i>
<b>1. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder</b>  <b>Potential for trouble</b>  There is the potential for trouble if the numbers attending greatly exceed 200 and this overwhelms the facilities e.g. the bar. Do the organisers have plans and personnel to do deal with this?
<b>2. Public Safety</b>  .....
<b>3. The Prevention of Public Nuisance</b>  <b>Noise</b>  There is the problem of music noise. Local residents could be faced with having to put up with this five days a week for four months. The Council document "Report for Cabinet Member decision – 19 March 2021" states (Paragraph 6:18) :

"Due to the low number of people in the venue at any one time (200), it is anticipated that any noise levels emanating from the onsite performances will be kept to a minimum, with minimal effect on park users, and local residents"

However, there is no information given as to noise levels permitted and how the Council are going to monitor this – if at all.

If the numbers attending exceed 200, as I expect they will, there will be pressure on the organisers to increase the noise volumes as people will want to hear the music etc.

I live in a top floor flat at the top end of Stapleton Hall Road. When there are events I can hear the noise quite clearly. Even small events such as those held on the running track (next to the proposed Open Arms area) can be heard. I don't want to have to put up with noise for four months. NB – I'm retired so spend a lot of time at home.

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**Numbers attending** – organisers are anticipating a maximum attendance of 200 people. I think that this is a gross under-estimate. Given that the event will be in an unfenced area; entry will be free and not ticketed I would expect that, with entertainment on offer plus a bar, that attendance will be far greater than 200. If I am right, how do the organisers propose to deal with this? Will the Council monitor attendance.

One way would be to fence off the whole area and restrict entry but then there might be trouble if people were refused entry.

The other option would be to do nothing and let the numbers overwhelm the area.

As the numbers the organisers expect are unrealistic a licence should be denied as there is potential for trouble.

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**Alcohol off sales** – the organisers want to be able to make off sales. This will allow for uncontrolled drinking throughout the Park and the inevitable unsocial behaviour and litter from presumably plastic glasses.

As the event is only a couple of hundred yards from the children's playground and the lake (also an attraction for parents and children), drinking will spread to these areas – is that what the Council wants?

Even if off sales were not permitted, as the whole event area is to be unfenced there will be nothing to stop people making on sale purchases and then taking them outside the event area.

Another problem with an unfenced "pub" is that there might be attempts by youngsters to purchase alcohol. In a building, control can take place at the doors, but how do you control this unfenced area?


There should be no sales of alcohol either on or off sales.

If the Council are of the view that there has to be alcohol on sale this should be restricted to on sales only – no off sales. In addition the whole event area should be fenced in and entry controlled with people being prevented from taking alcohol out.

#### **4. The Protection of Children from Harm**

##### **Proximity to the children's playground and boating lake**

As the event is only a couple of hundred yards from the children's playground and the lake (also an attraction for parents and children), drinking will spread to the proximity of these areas – is that what the Council wants?

I, ....., hererby declare that all information I have submitted is true and correct.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

